

Hi Families,

Welcome to summer! We hope you have a chance to relax and regroup over the next few weeks. We invite you to take a moment to join our email list via waylandsepac@gmail.com. Your voice and input truly matter!

It's been a challenging year and we thank all of you who stepped up to help! Thanks to your hard work, the Wayland SEPAC is up and running and we're now able to plan for the fall with confidence. Thank you to all of our Board members, Liaisons, and Committee members for taking on roles that were largely undefined and doing such a great job! We greatly appreciate all of you! Many thanks also to the District – Richard Whitehead, Director of Student Services, Karen Mantey (Administrator of Student Services), the School Committee, and Superintendent - for their interest and support. Their willingness to collaborate is invaluable. Before the end of the school year, we wrote a letter to extend our thanks to all the WPS special education teachers and staff. This is available on our website. They have been working so hard to support our children!

This year, the Wayland SEPAC co-hosted four virtual seminars for parents/guardians, held a well-attended and fun social evening at The Local, regular OML compliant meetings, and weekly virtual check-ins since closure. We have also been working closely with the District to represent the needs of our students and their families. To facilitate communication and the sharing of information, we established a parent/guardian Facebook page, a new website, a comprehensive list of community resources, a SEPAC brochure, and we even have an Instagram account! As a direct result of our communication with one another and with the District, we have seen many of our concerns addressed and our children's experiences improve. We cannot emphasize enough how wonderful it has been to see all the personal connections made amongst parents!

Liaison Update: We are still looking for representation for METCO families – if you're in Boston and at all interested, please reach out to us! We are also in need for out of district families and could use one additional Liaison for both Loker and WHS. There is always room on the Events and/or Community Resources committees as well and smaller projects abound. Please contact us at waylandsepac@gmail.com, if you're interested. Liaisons serve as a point of contact for parents/guardians.

Zoom Check-Ins: Our next check-in will be **July 15th** at 7:30 pm. Contact us at waylandsepac@gmail.com for more information.

Board Elections: All of the Board members have been re-elected and are staying on for the coming year. We are so grateful to all of you!

Events: Keep an eye out for upcoming events this fall! Thanks to the PTO, we now have secured funding that will allow us to invite a speaker in the fall. The presentation will be virtual.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us here at waylandsepac@gmail.com. We're happy to be a resource to you on this journey and we welcome your involvement! It has been a great pleasure to work with so many of you this year and to get to know you!

Best regards,

Colleen Morneweck and Anne-Louise Klaus

20-21 Board Members and Liaisons

Co-Chairs Anne-Louise Klaus and Colleen Morneweck
Co-Secretaries Margo Grossman and Kerry-Ann Kendall
Treasurer - Gayle Gledhill
Member at Large/Events - Janeka Melanson
Member at Large/Community resources - Julie Kannel
Member at Large/Liaisons - Erin Newton
Member at Large/Technology - Lisa Bagley

WHS Liaisons - Katy Cavallo
WMS Liaisons - Cara Chase and Rocio Arostegui
Loker Liaisons - Allyson Peller
HH Liaisons - Katie Andrus and Becky Chisholm
CPH Liaisons - Katherine Kiernan and Erin Newton
TCW Liaisons - Karyn Jones and Katie Riffle
METCO & OOD Liaisons – Please join us!